

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The amendments to the specification referenced below correspond to the pages and lines of the Clean Copy of the application filed with the Amendment of August 9, 2002.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 18, line 6, as follows:

The insulating wire separator of the present invention includes a main conduit receiving portion having an outer strengthening rib. The insulating wire separator includes an arm portion connected to a wire clip portion. Along the arm portion, near the main conduit receiving portion, is a plate and earth anchor portion.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 21, line 7, as follows:

The insulating wire separator 100 shown in Fig. 1 includes a main conduit receiving portion 120 having an outer strengthening rib 110. The main conduit receiving portion 120 is preferably sized to resiliently receive the main conduit 180 through an opening ~~122~~ D provided in the main conduit receiving portion 120. The opening ~~122~~ D extends about the outer circumference of the main conduit receiving portion 120, and preferably extends from sixty to eighty degrees from the centerline of the main conduit receiving portion 120, to allow the main conduit 180 to be flexibly received through said opening ~~122~~ D.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 21, line 14, as follows:

The insulating wire separator apparatus 100 includes an arm portion 130 extending from the main conduit receiving portion 120, on the side opposite of the opening ~~122~~ D in the main conduit receiving portion 120. A plate and earth anchor portion 140 is positioned at right angles to the arm portion 130, in proximity to the conduit receiving portion 120.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 21, line 18 as follows:

The insulating wires separator 100 can be installed on either side, or on top of existing conduits 180, cables, or piping. At least one of the conduits 180, cables, or piping is received in the main conduit receiving portion 120. The insulating wire separator 100 is preferably composed of a resilient material such as plastic or rubber, so that the insulating wire separator 100 can be resiliently deformed to receive at least one conduit 180, cable, or piping therein. A tracer wire 170 is received between opposing fingers ~~a~~ of a tracer wire clip portion 150, which is positioned on the arm portion 130 at least three inches, and preferably six inches away from the centerline of the main conduit 180.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 24, line 6, as follows:

Fig. 4 is a top elevational view of the insulating wire separator 100 of Fig. 1. In this view, the visible elements include the outer strengthening rib 110, the main conduit receiving portion 120, the arm portion 130, the plate and earth anchor portion 140, and the wire clip portion 150.

Replace the paragraph starting on page 25, line 1, as follows:

Fig. 7A is a side view of the insulating wire separator apparatus 100, with a separator post 160 extending from the arm portion 130 at right angles. The separator post 160 preferably extends at least two inches above the arm portion 130. The separator post 160 is located at least ten inches from said plate portion 140, and the arm portion 130 preferably extends at least two inches beyond the separator post 160, to provide safe spacing for additional underground utilities. When a separator post 160 is used, the wire clip portion 150 is located midway between the plate and earth anchor portion 140 and the separator post 160, to space the tracer wire 170 between the

main conduit 180 and additional underground utilities. This ensures a safe distance between underground utilities in a common trench. The insulating wire separating apparatus 100 disclosed herein, ensures that the distance between the tracer wire 170 and the main conduit wire 180, or other utilities, will be maintained during the backfilling process.